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- The New York State attorney general announced a civil lawsuit against a tax preparer for swindling \$35 million from over 250 unsophisticated investors. – *Legal Newslne* (See item [12](#))
- Officials said as many as 300 inmates, many armed with makeshift weapons, rioted at a prison for illegal immigrants in Natchez, Mississippi, beating a guard to death and injuring 19 people. – *Associated Press* (See item [37](#))
- Three men were accused of planning terrorist attacks against federal and city leaders, police stations, and financial institutions during the May 20-21 North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit of world leaders in Chicago, the county prosecutor said. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [33](#))
- Federal authorities are tracking the most prolific mailer of white powder in U.S history whose hoax mailings are costing millions in emergency response expenses. – *Associated Press* (See item [39](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) -

<http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *May 20, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Cal-OSHA cites company over rail car propane fire.** The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-OSHA) alleges that an employee and a rail car tanker involved in a propane tanker fire in August 2011 were not properly grounded or bonded to prevent the accumulation of static electricity that could have ignited flammable vapors or gases, the Sacramento Bee reported May 20. Cal-OSHA issued 5 citations to Titan Propane/Northern Energy, the owner and operator of the propane storage and transfer facility in Lincoln, where the fire started August 23 and burned for 2 days, forcing the evacuation of about 4,800 homes. The citations — one for a general violation and four for violations categorized as serious — carry proposed penalties totaling \$42,975, according to Cal-OSHA documents. The company appealed the citations, which were issued in February. In appeal documents, the company takes issue with the citation regarding static electricity, stating a determination has yet to be made as to the ignition source or cause of the rail car fire. It also argues that bonding and grounding of a rail car sitting on a spur line is not required unless fuel is being transferred, and in this case fuel was not being transferred.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/05/19/4501390/cal-osha-cites-company-over-rail.html>
2. *May 20, Huntsville Times* – (Alabama) **Power restored for most of 26,000 customers in south Huntsville.** Power was restored late May 20 to most of the 26,000 customers who lost service when an electrical substation in Huntsville, Alabama, failed, a Huntsville Utilities spokesman said. The outage was caused when a switch on power lines that serve an industrial plant failed. Utility crews repaired the switch and restored power in about 2 hours, he said. The outage affected customers in the general area bordered by Airport Road, Redstone Arsenal, the Tennessee River, and east of Monte Sano.  
Source: [http://blog.al.com/breaking/2012/05/power\\_out\\_for\\_26000\\_customers.html](http://blog.al.com/breaking/2012/05/power_out_for_26000_customers.html)
3. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Fire temporarily shuts eastern Iowa coal plant.** Authorities investigated the cause of a fire that temporarily closed a coal plant south of Montrose, Iowa, May 19. The Montrose fire department said a conveyor belt caught fire at Hendricks River Logistics and engulfed the conveyor system, eventually spreading into the plant's 60-foot-tall tower. The Hawk Eye reported damages to the plant are estimated at more than \$1 million. The plant manager said the plant would be shut down until the conveyor system can be fixed.  
Source: <http://www.keyc.tv/story/18566596/fire-temporarily-shutters-eastern-iowa-coal-plant>
4. *May 19, Charleston Gazette-Mail* – (West Virginia; National) **Alpha cites coal-dust changes since UBB disaster.** Alpha Natural Resources, headquartered in Bristow,

Virginia, said it added staff and took other steps to avoid coal-dust violations of the kind that investigators said caused the Upper Big Branch Mine disaster, according to a letter the company sent the week of May 14 to federal prosecutors. Alpha did not specify how many staffers were hired, and the company refused to comment on the matter, saying its correspondence with a U.S. attorney should have been considered "private correspondence." Federal, State, and independent investigations blamed widespread safety violations, including a systematic failure by Massey management to comply with rules aimed at controlling the buildup underground of explosive coal dust for the 2010 explosion that killed 29 miners in the Montcoal, West Virginia mine. Massey Energy owned the mine at the time of the explosion. As part of the more than \$200 million settlement, Alpha agreed to install significant new safety technology, create a trust to fund health and safety research, and take other steps to improve safety practices, especially at the former Massey operations.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201205190055>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *May 21, Chattanooga Chattanooga* – (Georgia) **Chemical explosion in Dalton sends 15 to hospital for decontamination.** Some 15 employees from a business in Dalton, Georgia, were taken to a hospital for decontamination after an explosion at a chemical plant next door. The Dalton Fire Department were called out May 21 for the call at MFG Chemical. The accident occurred while MFG was manufacturing a product called Coagulant 129, which is used in water treatment. It can cause skin or respiratory irritation, but there were no reports of serious injuries. Some workers at the nearby Beaulieu building were decontaminated on site. As of late morning, no evacuation had been ordered, but residents within a half mile of the site were advised to shelter in place for about 3 hours. Two streets near the plant were closed.

Source: <http://www.chattanooga.com/2012/5/21/226565/Chemical-Explosion-In-Dalton-Sends-15.aspx>

6. *May 21, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Dover Chemical spill under control; I-77 reopened.** A chemical spill in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, was under control and Interstate 77 was reopened to regular traffic, about 5 hours after a chemical spill at Dover Chemical in Dover, WKYC 3 Cleveland reported May 21. The spill started inside a reactor at the plant. Hazardous materials teams had to use oil to slowly cool the reactor before containing the spill. Water could not be used since it could have started a fire. The spill created a vapor cloud visible to residents. There are reports of two injuries as a result of the spill and resulting cloud. Officials said two drivers passing by the plant were treated for respiratory problems at the hospital. Two different chemicals were involved in the spill. One is Dipropylene glycol which is said to have a low toxicity in small doses. It is used as a solvent in industrial applications and is also used in perfumes as well as skin and body products. The other is Triphenyl phosphite. It is used as a stabilizer in many chemical compounds such as paint or rubber. The chemicals can cause skin, eyes, throat, and lungs to burn. No evacuations were ordered, but people were advised during the spill to stay indoors with their windows shut and

their air conditioners off.

Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/245481/33/Dover-Chemical-spill-forces-people-indoors-closes-I-77->

7. *May 20, Cliffview Pilot* – (New Jersey) **Chemical release forces Lyndhurst evacuations.** Several houses and multi-family buildings were evacuated and people treated at the scene May 20 after the accidental release of an acid by a Lyndhurst, New Jersey chemical company that produces polyurethane. Although authorities have not yet determined the cause, the initial suspicion is pipes used to transfer adipic acid powder at Chemical Polyurethane Specialties might have failed, releasing the substance into the air through roof ducts. Firefighters, a Bergen County hazardous materials team, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection responded. Although no serious injuries were reported, some people were treated at the scene, said the Lyndhurst police chief, who is also the area's emergency management coordinator.  
Source: <http://www.cliffviewpilot.com/bergen/3819-chemical-release-into-air-in-lyndhurst-prompts-evacuations>
8. *May 19, Rock Hill Herald* – (North Carolina) **4 burned in incident at former Bowater paper plant in Catawba.** Four men suffered chemical burns May 19 while working at the former Bowater paper plant in Catawba, North Carolina. Three were flown to hospitals with specialized burn units, and one was taken by ambulance to another hospital, said the director of U.S. public affairs for Resolute Forest Products. She said the chemical that was released was confined to the pulping area of the plant, and did not affect the soil or water used at the facility. Officials at the plant, which employs 775 people, were working to determine the cause of the release. The public affairs director said some operations might have been temporarily halted. The released chemical was sodium hydroxide, a “cooking chemical” commonly referred to as “white liquor,” she said. She said plant officials would review all operations and procedures and equipment in the area to try to make sure a similar incident does not happen again.  
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/05/19/3251851/4-burned-in-incident-at-former.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *May 21, WTMJ 4 Milwaukee; Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Old equipment sparks two-alarm fire at Cedarburg factory.** Officials in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, said a piece of old equipment began a two-alarm fire at the Ataco Steel plant in Cedarburg, May 17. At least a half dozen fire departments in the area responded to the fire. Businesses in the area told WTM 4 Milwaukee that parts of

Highway 60 were shut down during the response. The road reopened, but the entrance to Ataco Steel remained closed.

Source: [http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/47502924/ns/local\\_news-milwaukee\\_wi/#.T7prMFIVDzA](http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/47502924/ns/local_news-milwaukee_wi/#.T7prMFIVDzA)

10. *May 19, Associated Press* – (International) **Fire risk brings recall of nearly 87,000 Jeeps.** Chrysler is recalling nearly 87,000 Jeep Wranglers in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere due to a risk of fires, the Associated Press reported May 19. U.S. safety regulators said the recall affects only Wranglers from the 2010 model year with automatic transmissions. Debris can get caught between a transmission plate and the catalytic converter, causing a fire. At least 14 complaints of fires caused by the problem were reported.  
Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/18564296/fire-risk-brings-recall-of-nearly-87000-jeeps>
11. *May 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **OSHA cites Western Extrusions Corp. for exposing workers to multiple safety and health hazards at Carrollton, Texas, facility.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration May 17 cited Western Extrusions Corp. with two willful and 13 serious violations for exposing workers to a variety of safety and health hazards at its aluminum products manufacturing facility in Carrollton, Texas. The willful violations involved failing to implement lockout/tagout procedures for machines' energy sources to protect workers performing maintenance and setup activities, and provide guarding on press brakes. The serious violations included failing to: guard open-sided floors and platforms; provide personal protective equipment; properly label hazardous chemicals; ensure that isolation and de-energization procedures are followed; remove damaged synthetic web slings from service; provide guards around rotating and moving parts of machinery; establish die-setting procedures for mechanical power presses; guard chains and sprockets; provide hepatitis B vaccinations to workers; and provide training on blood-borne pathogens.  
Source: [http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=22413](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22413)

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Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *May 21, Legal Newsline* – (New York) **N.Y. AG alleges securities fraud.** The New York State attorney general (AG) announced a civil lawsuit May 17 against a tax preparer for allegedly abusing his knowledge of his clients' finances to lure unsophisticated investors into high-risk bets. The AG's Investor Protection Bureau

suspected securities fraud by the man and other defendants in 2011 and froze their assets. The defendant allegedly perpetrated a scheme to defraud more than 250 investors out of more than \$35 million. Also named in the lawsuit are a relative and 20 companies under the man's control, including R.S. Enterprises of New York Inc., Rockwell Consulting of NY Inc., MIG of Westchester Inc., Empire Builders of New York Corp., Burke & Grace Avenue Corp., and Van Zandt Agency Inc. He allegedly promised investors 7 to 12 percent returns, claimed that funds would be used to finance construction secured by mortgage or to invest in securities when they were not, and misappropriated investor funds for personal use. The defendants allegedly made materially false or misleading representations under state securities law statutes, engaged in common law fraud, engaged in persistent fraud and illegality under the executive law, and engaged in failure to register. The AG is seeking restitution on behalf of the investors of more than \$35 million, including \$4.6 million in the defendant's criminal prosecution. He also faces a separate criminal indictment on 2 counts of money laundering, 2 counts of securities fraud, 2 counts of scheme to defraud, and 29 counts of grand larceny.

Source: <http://www.legalnewsline.com/news/236208-n.y.-ag-alleges-securities-fraud>

13. *May 21, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fake Amex ID verification email leads to malware.** A bogus American Express account ID verification e-mail is currently making the rounds, trying to trick users into following the offered links. The e-mail might look like a phishing one at first glance, but it is not. "Those who click the link will be taken to a webpage that advises them to wait while the page is loading," Hoax-Slayer said. "However, an American Express login page does not appear as the user would expect. Instead, the page will redirect to another site that harbors the BlackHole exploit kit." This spam run is the latest in a long line of similar ones targeting a wide variety of users, and for the victims, it usually ends up with information-stealing malware being installed on their computers.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2115&utm](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2115&utm)

14. *May 19, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Westport resident pleads guilty to bank fraud.** A man pleaded guilty in Hartford, Connecticut, May 18 on one count of bank fraud. He was president and chief executive officer (CEO) of an importing and exporting business known as Greenwich Trading Co. (GTC), GTC Worldwide Inc., or Greenwich Brands, LLC, according to a prepared statement issued by a U.S. attorney. The statement said he applied to Citizens Bank for a commercial revolving line of credit in 2007 and promised to secure the credit with his business' accounts receivable, in the maximum amount of \$7 million. He falsified audit reports and other information when he applied to the bank for the credit and again when he withdrew additional funds from the line of credit, the statement said. In February 2009, GTC voluntarily filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition after the CEO had caused the company to draw down the entire \$7 million loan available from the bank, the statement said.

Source: [http://articles.courant.com/2012-05-19/community/hc-westport-fraud-0520-20120519\\_1\\_bank-fraud-maximum-sentence-credit](http://articles.courant.com/2012-05-19/community/hc-westport-fraud-0520-20120519_1_bank-fraud-maximum-sentence-credit)

15. *May 18, KETK 56 Tyler* – (Texas; Arkansas) **Tyler police dub repeat bank robber.** The FBI and Tyler, Texas police officials believe the the man responsible for a



May 17 armed bank robbery at Compass Bank may be responsible for several other bank robberies. Authorities have dubbed the man the "Loan Ranger Bandit," due to the banking institutions where loans are given and that the suspect wore a Texas Rangers hat. Investigators believe he robbed a Summit Bank in Benton, Arkansas, January 16, 2009, and again June 30, 2011. The bandit then came to Tyler and robbed an Altra Federal Credit Union August 11, 2011. Law enforcement has determined that the bandit ran from the May 17 bank robbery in Tyler and jumped into a getaway vehicle. Source: <http://www.ketknbc.com/news/tyler-police-dub-repeat-bank-robber-loan-ranger-bandit>

16. *May 17, WJBK 2 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Squatter accused of threatening bank employees with pipe bomb.** A house on Detroit's east side looked like it should be vacant, but there was a man living inside. When the bank came out to take pictures, he allegedly came out with a gun and a bomb, WJBK 2 Detroit reported May 17. Sources said the man living there has been in the neighborhood for years. The house once belonged to his parents, but now it is owned by the bank and he had been told to leave, but did not. May 17, he spotted bank employees on the property taking pictures of the house and allegedly snapped, reportedly threatening the employees with a gun and a live pipe bomb full of gunpowder. The employees called Detroit police and the bomb squad secured the scene and an explosive device. Police arrested the suspect. Sources said he has been arrested three times before for carrying a gun. Source: <http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/squatter-accused-of-threatening-bank-employees-with-pipe-bomb-20120517-ms>

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## **Transportation Sector**

17. *May 21, Associated Press* – (New York) **Pilot arrested at Buffalo airport with loaded gun in bag.** An airline pilot was accused of trying to board a flight at Buffalo for New York City with a loaded revolver in his bag, the Associated Press reported May 21. The U.S. attorney's office charged the pilot with possessing a concealed firearm. A screener spotted the .357 Magnum before he boarded May 18 at Buffalo Niagara International Airport. The pilot was to board a Piedmont Airlines flight to LaGuardia International Airport in New York City. Investigators believe he had been flying with the gun since May 16, when he flew from Charlottesville, Virginia, to New York City without having his bag X-rayed. He made seven flights since. A Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman said pilots cannot carry weapons on board aircraft unless they are members of a federal Flight Deck Officer Program, which the pilot was not. She said that in many airports, pilots can reach the aircraft through "access points" other than checkpoints. Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/story/2012-05-21/Pilot-arrested-at-Buffalo-airport-with-loaded-gun-in-bag/55105864/1>

18. *May 21, Associated Press* – (California) **Officials ID suspect, driver in LA bus shooting.** Authorities May 21 identified a 41-year-old man suspected of fatally shooting a bus driver in West Hollywood, California. The shooter was booked May 20 for investigation of murder and remained held on \$1 million bail, sheriff's investigators said. No motive has been given for the shooting, which happened May 20 when the shooter and the driver were believed to be the only people on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus. Two firearms were recovered and a suspicious package was found on the bus but it was not determined to be an explosive device, authorities said.  
Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/18571526/authorities-id-suspect-in-la-bus-driver-shooting>
19. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Driver remains hospitalized after 6-bus crash.** A school bus driver injured during a chain collision involving six buses near Atlanta remained hospitalized in stable condition May 20. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash, which occurred May 19 as the buses headed from Burke County to Six Flags Over Georgia. Officials said one bus slowed abruptly on Interstate 20 as it approached a construction site, setting off the collision. A Georgia State Patrol spokesman said 65 students were taken to the hospital with injuries that were not serious. The bus driver was cut from the wreckage and flown to an Atlanta hospital. Charges are pending in the crash.  
Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/18561859/children-injured-in-newton-county-bus-accident>
20. *May 19, Boston Globe* – (Florida) **Chemical sends 5 from Fla airport to hospital.** A terminal at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Broward County, Florida, was closed after an unknown chemical sent five people to the hospital with respiratory complaints. Terminal 2 was evacuated for about 2 hours May 18 as hazardous materials technicians investigated what caused several people to become ill. An airport spokesman said an aerosol can possibly discharged. A Broward County Sheriff Fire Rescue spokesman said three Transportation Security Administration agents and two passengers were affected by the irritant.  
Source: [http://articles.boston.com/2012-05-19/news/31779844\\_1\\_fort-lauderdale-hollywood-international-airport-inbound-flights-transportation-security-administration-agents](http://articles.boston.com/2012-05-19/news/31779844_1_fort-lauderdale-hollywood-international-airport-inbound-flights-transportation-security-administration-agents)
21. *May 18, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Two teens shot outside Rockville Metro station.** Two people were shot just outside the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) train station in Rockville, Maryland, May 18, after a gunman targeted one of the victims and shot a bystander in the process, police said. Both victims received non-life-threatening injuries, and the shooter was apprehended within 8 minutes outside a nearby gas station. A second suspect connected to the shooting was later taken into custody, police said. As commuters were coming down the small escalator from the platform, at least one gunshot was heard, authorities said. Someone called police, who found victim at the exit to the pedestrian tunnel on the east side of the Metro station that takes commuters toward a parking area and downtown Rockville. As detectives worked the crime scene, the eastern entrance of the pedestrian tunnel was



closed, but commuters were able to get in and out through the western entrance. Metro trains continued running in both directions.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/two-teens-shot-outside-rockville-metro-station/2012/05/18/gIQAHhrYZU\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/two-teens-shot-outside-rockville-metro-station/2012/05/18/gIQAHhrYZU_story.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *May 19, Rockford Police Department* – (Illinois) **Two men charged with blowing up mail boxes.** During May at least 18 incidents of criminal damage to mail boxes have been reported to Illinois' Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and the Rockford Police Department (RPD), the RPD reported May 19. Explosive devices (commercial fireworks) were placed inside of the mailboxes and ignited, causing heavy damage to boxes. The incidents have taken place in various sections of the county to include Rockford and Machesney Park. An investigation conducted by detectives of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and the RPD has led to the arrests of two subjects. Both were taken into custody May 18. They are both charged with three counts of criminal damage to property.

Source:

[http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/Two\\_Men\\_Charged\\_with\\_Blowing\\_Up\\_Mail\\_Boxes\\_152103805.html?ref=805](http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/Two_Men_Charged_with_Blowing_Up_Mail_Boxes_152103805.html?ref=805)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

23. *May 21, Chenango County Evening Sun* – (New York) **Ammonia leak at Chobani; plant evacuated.** An ammonia leak at a Chobani facility in New Berlin, New York, forced the yogurt maker to evacuate its workforce May 21. Emergency and fire personnel from the New Berlin, Edmeston, and Sherburne departments were on the scene, as was the county's HAZMAT unit and CMT ambulance. A small group of employees were evaluated for possible ammonia exposure and could be transported to the hospital, according to the Chenango County Sheriff's Office.

Source: <http://www.evesun.com/news/stories/2012-05-21/14883/Ammonia-leak-at-Chobani-plant-evacuated/>

24. *May 20, Salisbury Daily Times* – (Maryland) **Suspicious object closes grocery store for two hours.** A Food Lion supermarket in Salisbury, Maryland, closed for 2 hours May 19 as fire and police investigators worked to identify a suspicious object resembling a grenade in the parking lot. Customers were ordered to stay inside the store during the investigation. "Someone saw what looked like a possible grenade, and police saw what looked like a possible grenade, but it turned out to be a fake device," said a

lieutenant of the Salisbury Police Department. "It was a replica or fancy toy." The device was in the custody of the Maryland fire marshal for further study, he said, adding that it was unclear how it got into the parking lot and whether it was intended to frighten passersby.

Source:

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20120520/WIC01/205200305/Suspicious-object-closes-grocery-store-two-hours>

25. *May 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **River Ranch expands salad recall because of possible health risk.** River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of Salinas, California, is expanding its voluntary recall of retail and food service bagged salads because they have the potential of being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Retail salad products under this recall were distributed throughout the United States and Canada under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch, Farm Stand, Hy-Vee, Shurfresh, and The Farmer's Market. Food service salad products under this recall were distributed throughout the United States and Canada under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch and Sysco. The recalled salad bags have either "Best By" code dates between May 12-29 or Julian dates of 118 and 125.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm304741.htm>

26. *May 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Gills Onions voluntarily recalls one lot of diced red onions because of possible health risk.** Gills Onions, LLC of Oxnard, California, May 19 initiated a voluntary recall of 2,360 pounds of diced red onions because it may be contaminated by *Listeria monocytogenes*. The products are beyond their use-by-dates May 14, 15, and 17. The recalled diced red onions were distributed directly from Gills Onions to retailers in Canada, and retailers and food service distributors in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Arkansas, Ohio, Tennessee, New Jersey, Georgia, and Florida. The voluntary recall was initiated as a result of a routine and random test directed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm304732.htm>

27. *May 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York) **Caribe Produce, LTD CO. recalls Papaya Maradol, Caribena Brand because of possible health risk.** Caribe Produce LTD Co. of McAllen, Texas, announced May 17 the recall of 286 cases of Papaya Maradol, Caribena Brand papayas packed in 35-pound cartons marked with the brand "Caribena" and "Product of Mexico" stamped on the side. These papayas have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The recalled Papaya Maradol, Caribena Brand cases were distributed in the Bronx, New York, in wholesale stores, and through retail stores the week of May 14. The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the company revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in the product.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm304726.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

28. *May 21, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Kalapaki Beach remains closed following sewage spill.** Kauai, Hawaii's Kalapaki Beach remained closed May 21, as water quality tests showed there were still signs of a sewage spill from May 16. A reported 400,000 to 500,000 gallons of treated effluent spilled into a storm drain that leads into Kalapaki Bay. Officials said the spill happened after a partial power outage at the Lihue Wastewater Treatment Plant due to a failure in an internal circuit that powered the newly-installed processes at the plant, which produces irrigation water. Most of the water is used at the Kauai Lagoons golf courses. Officials limited the production of irrigation water until a new alarm system to monitor power interruptions could be installed and tested at the treatment plant.  
Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/18567936/three-days-after-sewage-spill-kalapaki-bay>
29. *May 20, Oswego Palladium-Times* – (New York) **Boil water advisory in effect through Wednesday.** Due to increased chlorine levels used to combat a problem with one of the city's wells, Fulton, New York residents and businesses have been advised to boil water before drinking it or using it for household applications until at least May 23. According to a press release May 20 from Fulton's Water Treatment Plant chief operator, a breakdown at the K-1 well caused discolored water to spill into the Fulton water system May 19. Due to high levels of turbidity, there was an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.  
Source:  
<http://palltimes.com/articles/2012/05/20/news/doc4fb981d7cf3c9666976654.txt>
30. *May 18, KSNW 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Zebra mussels cleared from Council Grove water supply.** The Council Grove Water Department in Council Grove, Kansas, said they have successfully cleaned and removed all zebra mussels from the raw water intake tower at Council Grove Lake, KSNW 3 Wichita reported May 18. Four feet of sludge and an additional 3 feet of zebra mussels were blocking the pipe. Engineers were working on solutions to deter any future zebra mussel growth inside the intake water tower, as well as the gravity flow water supply line to the city.  
Source: [http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Zebra-mussels-cleared-from-Council-Grove-water/sVejYBBwqUO\\_z1u0EDN7Vg.csp](http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Zebra-mussels-cleared-from-Council-Grove-water/sVejYBBwqUO_z1u0EDN7Vg.csp)
31. *May 18, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Invasive plants clogging up vital bayou waterway, drinking water source.** Invasive plants, like water hyacinths and hydrillas, are threatening Bayou Lafourche in Louisiana along Highway 308, the source of fresh water for more than 300,000 people in bayou communities, WWL 4 New Orleans reported May 18. "Salt water can intrude at the bottom of Bayou Lafourche and cause problems with drinking water," a spokeswoman from the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program said. The chairman of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District also expressed concern. The combination of a lack of spraying the invasive plants and a mild winter made matters worse in 2012. The U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers did not spray the plants due to a lack of funding for the \$1.5 million program. In the long term, dredging the bayou could help, but such an effort is costly. In the short term, the water district is working to cut the plants. The water district applied for a \$20 million federal grant, which it hopes can help pay for dealing with the invasive plants.

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/local/Invasive-plants-clogging-up-vital-bayou-waterway-drinking-water-source-152098165.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *May 18, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Hospital: missing laptop had patient information.** The Associated Press reported May 18 that officials at Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, warned patients that some of their personal data may have been compromised after a laptop went missing from a physician's office in March. The information on it was being used to conduct a study on more than 17,000 adult intensive care unit patients from 2000-2008. Hospital officials said it contained medical information but no Social Security or financial data. Hospital administrators said they do not suspect criminal intent. Administrators said they spent the last 2 months finding the addresses of everyone affected before making the announcement.

Source: [http://www.necn.com/05/18/12/Hospital-missing-laptop-had-patient-info/landing\\_scitech.html?&apID=c24b360a0da34a95b414518a96da8bb9](http://www.necn.com/05/18/12/Hospital-missing-laptop-had-patient-info/landing_scitech.html?&apID=c24b360a0da34a95b414518a96da8bb9)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

33. *May 20, Bloomberg News* – (Illinois) **Chicago terror plot with Molotov cocktails foiled.** Three men were accused of planning terrorist attacks during the May 20-21 North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit of world leaders in Chicago, the county prosecutor said. The three men "were charged overnight with criminal acts relating to terrorism, conspiracy to commit terrorism and possession of explosives," said the Cook County state's attorney in a statement May 19. The men were accused of making Molotov cocktails to hurl at the U.S. President's re-election campaign headquarters in Chicago, at the home of Chicago's mayor, and at financial institutions and police stations, according to a statement issued by the county prosecutor and Chicago's police superintendent.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-05-19/three-accused-of-chicago-terror-plot-before-nato-summit>

34. *May 19, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **NORAD intercepts 2 aircraft near Camp David.** Military aircraft intercepted two small planes in restricted airspace around Camp David, Maryland, where world leaders gathered for an economic summit. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said the two Cessna 172 aircraft were out of radio communication May 18 inside a 30-mile restricted area

around the U.S. Presidential retreat. The restricted area was expanded temporarily for the Group of Eight talks. A U.S. Secret Service spokesman said the violations were not deemed to be threatening.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h7h1z8nYLbbJaHj1sBv396CjRogA?docId=40ec25f1eeaa48a1998fd639a5377cdb>

35. *May 19, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Man charged with threat to blow up Democratic Party headquarters.** Federal authorities charged a Madison, Wisconsin man May 19 with making a telephone threat in February to blow up the offices of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, among more than 100 calls that he allegedly placed to the office this year. He repeatedly threatened to shoot Democrats on the streets around the Wisconsin capital and those supporting the recall of the governor in phone calls he made to the Democratic Party's office in January, February, and March, according to an FBI affidavit filed in U.S. district court in Madison.

Source: [http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/man-charged-with-threat-to-blow-up-democratic-party-headquarters/article\\_95985afe-a176-11e1-90d0-001a4bcf887a.html#ixzz1vVaDJNOq](http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/man-charged-with-threat-to-blow-up-democratic-party-headquarters/article_95985afe-a176-11e1-90d0-001a4bcf887a.html#ixzz1vVaDJNOq)

36. *May 18, SecurityWeek* – (National) **NASA investigating possible SSL compromise.** A NASA spokesperson told SecurityWeek they were investigating claims made by a group of Iranian hackers May 16 that they have compromised the SSL certificate used on the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) Web site. The Iranian student group comprised of programmers and hackers — known as the Cyber Warriors Team — said the certificate was compromised by exploiting an existing vulnerability within the portal's log-in system. Once they had control over the certificate, they claimed to have used it to “obtain User information for thousands of NASA researcher With Emails and Accounts of other users [sic].”

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/nasa-investigating-possible-ssl-compromise>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

37. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Sheriff: Gang started prison riot in Mississippi.** As many as 300 inmates, some of them armed with makeshift weapons such as broomsticks, rioted at a privately run prison for illegal immigrants in Natchez, Mississippi, beating a guard to death and injuring 19 people, the sheriff said May 21. More than two dozen officers were held hostage at some point during the hours-long spate of violence May 20, including a group of 15 who had to be rescued by special response teams. A gang fight set off the violence, the sheriff said. At one point, the inmates set a fire in the prison yard. The guard was killed on the roof of one of the prison buildings. Sixteen prison employees were treated for various injuries and released from a hospital. Three inmates were hurt. The Adams County Correctional Facility holds nearly 2,500 illegal immigrants, with most serving time for coming back

to the United States after being deported, said a prison spokeswoman. The prison remained on lock-down May 21 as officials assessed damages.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/prison-locked-down-after-1442090.html>

38. *May 20, Buffalo News* – (New York) **ECMC patient leads police on chase in ambulance.** Damage to a Rural/Metro Medical Services ambulance and other property was estimated at \$80,000 to \$100,000 after an Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) patient in Buffalo, New York, stole the ambulance from the hospital's emergency room ramp May 20, led police on a high-speed chase, and ultimately crashed the vehicle. The woman is accused of hopping into the ambulance, which was parked on the emergency ramp with the keys in the ignition. She then fled the ECMC parking lot in the ambulance and reached speeds of nearly 100 mph as she was pursued by ECMC police officers. In a Buffalo police report, hospital police described seeing the ambulance nearly hit pedestrians and other vehicles as it passed through several intersections. Sullivan eventually lost control of the vehicle and the ambulance struck a curb and came to rest on the grass.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/buffalo/article866056.ece>

39. *May 17, Associated Press* – (Texas; National) **White powder case costs millions in first response.** Federal authorities are tracking what they call the most prolific mailer of white powder in U.S. history with an eye toward solving a case that has tied up first responders and cost taxpayers millions of dollars, Associated Press reported May 17. Officials with the FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service believe the same person has sent nearly 400 letters containing nontoxic white powder across the United States and abroad from Texas. Officials stressed that each incident diverts police, fire personnel, and other valuable resources from genuine emergencies, increasing the urgency of finding the perpetrator. Postal processing plants have biohazard detection systems that can find toxic substances, but first responders are typically called when letters with white powder are delivered — a result of the anthrax attacks in 2001. A spokesman for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department said hazardous material teams of 10 to 16 respond to white powder calls. Each response, which can last about 2 hours, requires about \$1,500 per hour in fuel and other equipment-related costs on top of salaries, he said.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/white-powder-case-costing-millions-investigate-16370588#.T7Z0BVK1VvB>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

40. *May 18, Threatpost* – (International) **HULK DDoS tool smash web server, server fall down.** Researchers from Kaspersky Lab recently reported on a new distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) tool. The HTTP Unbearable Load King (HULK) tool is different from others of its kind in that it does not simply hit a server with a massive load of TCP



SYN requests or other predictable packets. Instead, HULK generates numerous unique requests designed to prevent server defenses from recognizing a pattern and filtering the attack traffic. The HULK DDoS tool is the work of a security pro who developed it out of frustration with the obvious patterns produced by other such tools.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/hulk-ddos-tool-smash-web-server-server-fall-down-051812](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/hulk-ddos-tool-smash-web-server-server-fall-down-051812)

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## Communications Sector

41. *May 21, Hendersonville Times-News* – (North Carolina) **Phone lines down at Blue Ridge Community College.** Telephone service at Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) in Henderson County, North Carolina has been interrupted because of a severed phone line, the Hendersonville Times-News reported May 21. The line was cut during a road repair project, the BRCC director of public relations reported in an e-mail. The college could not accept incoming or make outgoing calls, the e-mail stated. Repair crews were working on the problem.

Source: <http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20120521/ARTICLES/120529982>

42. *May 19, azfamily.com* – (Arizona) **Scottsdale radio station knocked off the air because of Gladiator Fire.** The "Gladiator Fire" in Arizona continues to threaten homes and businesses, including the communications towers on the tops of two mountains, azfamily.com reported May 19. One valley radio station was knocked off the air for 19 hours after its backup system failed. May 17, the music on KNRJ 101.1 FM Cordes Lakes stopped, and KAJM 104.3 FM Camp Verde switched to a pre-recorded music loop. The stations do not expect any more interruptions barring fire reaching the towers.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Scottsdale-radio-station-knocked-off-the-air-because-of-Gladiator-Fire-152131505.html>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *May 21, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Tornado blows roof off St. Petersburg motel.** A senior forecaster with the National Weather Service confirmed May 20 that a tornado hit a St. Petersburg, Florida motel May 19. The forecaster said it was likely an

- EF0-ranked tornado that lasted no more than 10 minutes, with wind gusts between 65 and 85 miles per hour. The winds tore off the roof of the motel owners' live-in apartment and office, as well as damaging nearby parked cars with debris. The motel's owner said that the motel could not rent out any rooms due to a lack of power.  
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/weather/article/255921/3/Tornado-blows-roof-off-St-Petersburg-motel>
44. *May 21, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Holyoke fire leaves at least 30 people homeless.** A fire in a Holyoke, Massachusetts apartment building destroyed one unit and damaged 12 others, leaving 13 families homeless May 20. Firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading beyond the second-floor unit where it originated, but the other 11 apartments had smoke and water damage. There was also some fire damage in the hallway, and smoke and water damage to a neighboring structure. The fire was determined to have resulted from a cooking accident, according to firefighters.  
Source: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/holyoke\\_fire\\_leaves\\_at\\_least\\_30.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/holyoke_fire_leaves_at_least_30.html)
45. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Fire damages Shelby County Fairgrounds grandstand.** A fire that tore through a historic grandstand at the Shelby County Fairgrounds in Shelbyville, Indiana, May 19 might have been preceded by explosions, a fire chief said. The fire began after midnight and the cause was not immediately known. Arson dogs from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the State Fire Marshal's Office were brought to the scene. The Shelbyville fire chief told WTHR 13 Indianapolis that people had reported hearing "a couple of explosions in the area" at the time of the fire.  
Source: <http://heraldbulletin.com/breakingnews/x234163784/Fire-damages-Shelby-County-Fairgrounds-grandstand>
46. *May 19, KDFW 4 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **More white powder scares. Crews: response costly.** Another "white powder" scare occurred May 19 in Dallas at a synagogue. Two young men were seen walking through the parking lot of the synagogue before a morning service. A witness said they were deliberately placing a white, powdery substance in the parking lot and on the sidewalk. The incident was the latest in a string of scares across North Texas. The substance was determined to be rice powder.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/18562453/more-white-powder-scares-response-costly?obref=obinsite>
47. *May 19, Chicago Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **5 in custody after group attacks diners at Tinley Park restaurant.** Five men were in custody May 19 after they allegedly entered a restaurant and began using bats to beat patrons gathered for a wedding in Tinley Park, Illinois. The attack occurred at the Ashford House Restaurant where a group of 15 people dressed all in black entered and attacked patrons. They were targeting a specific group of people eating in the restaurant. The group fled the scene in three vehicles, one of which was apprehended 5 minutes later. The other vehicles escaped, according to a police press release. Ten people were injured in the

attack, and three were taken to local hospitals.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2012/05/19/suspects-with-bats-attact-wedding-party-at-tinley-park-restaurant/>

48. *May 19, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Office assaulted by noxious fumes.** Police said a man with methamphetamine went wild at a downtown Eugene, Oregon office building May 18, threatening workers and causing a hazardous materials scare that forced authorities to briefly close West 13th Avenue to traffic. Three Eugene police officers were taken to a hospital after they inhaled noxious fumes emanating from industrial-strength mold and mildew remover that the suspect had poured out into a hallway. Police said they responded after learning a disorderly man had been involved in a dispute outside the building. When officers arrived, they found the man inside, banging on office windows and threatening workers, police said. As officers took the man into custody, they noticed noxious fumes coming from a substance that had been spilled in the building's hallway, police said. Police evacuated the building and called in a fire department hazardous materials team in response.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/28093307-57/police-madden-building-fumes-eugene.html.csp>

49. *May 18, Johnson County Daily Journal* – (Indiana) **Five treated after acid spill at local gym.** Five people were treated and released after a small acid spill at L.A. Fitness in the Center Grove, Indiana area May 18. Employees were working with muriatic acid, which is used to balance pH levels in the water, when a hose came loose and spilled about a gallon of the chemical. A hazardous material team from the Greenwood Fire Department and a decontamination team from the White River Fire Department were called. Five people, two workers and three residents, were treated at the scene and released after inhaling fumes.

Source:

[http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/local\\_story/Five\\_treated\\_after\\_acid\\_spill\\_1337389150](http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/local_story/Five_treated_after_acid_spill_1337389150)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

50. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Colorado; National) **Large Colo. wildfire nearly contained.** A northern Colorado wildfire that had forced the evacuation of 80 homes was nearly contained May 19. Fire officials said the blaze, one of several burning across the West, was 85 percent contained. The fire, which started May 14 about 20 miles northwest of Fort Collins, prompted officials to evacuate the homes, but all residents were allowed to return by May 18. The Forest Service issued a man a citation for causing a fire without a permit, and he faces a \$300 fine. The Colorado blaze required the resources of more than 500 firefighters, two planes, and five helicopters. Wildfires also have charred terrain in California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah. In Nevada, a fire grew to 27 square miles and was about 50 percent contained

May 19. In New Mexico, crews battled a lightning-caused fire that has scorched 545 acres in the Gila National Forest in the southwestern part of the State. About seven trails remained closed in the forest and more than 110 firefighters around the State were helping battle the blaze May 19. In Utah, firefighters contained a 2-square mile blaze, which was accidentally started by a passing car. In Southern Oregon, crews worked May 19 to extinguish a 462-acre wildfire near the California and Nevada borders. The fire was believed to be human-caused and burned on private land and in the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/national/21007525554990/large-colo-wildfire-nearly-contained/>

51. *May 19, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **200-acre wildfire scars entry into Minnesota city.** Some 100 firefighters spent May 18 working their way through the woods with chainsaws, hoses, and axes after a dangerous fire threatened Ely, Minnesota, the Minneapolis Star Tribune May 19. Officials from the Minnesota Incident Command, which is running the firefighting effort, said the nearly 200-acre fire was well under control late May 18, though they remained concerned that the warm, windy weather could still carry a burning branch outside the perimeter. A stretch of Highway 1 remained closed and residents of seven homes were still out after being ordered to evacuate. Response to the incident included four water-scooping air tankers and helicopters. By midday May 18, the effort had been downsized to three helicopters and one air tanker.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10719056/200-acre-wildfire-scars-entry-into-minnestoa-city>

52. *May 19, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Calm winds Saturday help with Gladiator Fire.** Flames from the Gladiator Fire in Arizona have been reaching 120 feet into the air and the U.S. Forest Service said that calm winds allowed crews to fight the blaze more aggressively, KPHO 5 Phoenix reported May 19. A U.S. Forest Service representative said hot shot crews fought the fire at the front lines and air attacks were up to full strength. "We actually increased our helicopters to eight, that's up from seven and we have four air tankers committed to the incident right now. We are still the No. 1 priority fire in the Southwest area and in the nation," he said. Firefighting efforts focused at the north end of the blaze where Pine Flat and Turkey Creek have already been evacuated, threatening about 120 structures, and to the southwest where the fire is burning only about 1 mile from important communication towers. The fire had burned about 14,000 acres and was 10 percent contained by May 19. Total estimated costs for the fire, according to the forest service, is \$4,064,283.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/18563833/calm-winds-saturday-help-with-gladiator-fire>

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## **Dams Sector**

53. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Lake being drained for dam work.** The Griffy Lake dam near Bloomington, Indiana, will be drained this summer for repairs, the

Associated Press reported May 21. Officials said the dam needs cracks to its spillway fixed, along with a gate replaced and removal of vegetation and debris. A City of Bloomington Utilities spokesman said repair work was expected to begin this September. A federal grant the city received for repairs to the dam and spillway require the work be completed by the end of 2013. The city parks department also plans to remove more than 20 years of sediment that have built up in the lake, making it difficult for boaters to access the docks and pass under a causeway.

Source: [http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south\\_central/lake-being-drained-for-dam-work#.T7pCoVJqHTo](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south_central/lake-being-drained-for-dam-work#.T7pCoVJqHTo)

54. *May 20, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Halted Marysville levee work slated to restart in June.** Work will restart within a few weeks putting slurry walls into levees that protect Marysville, California, the Marysville Appeal-Democrat reported May 20. By early June, crews will be installing walls in a 2,600-foot stretch of the levee, aiming for completion in August. During 2011, the U.S. Army Corps ordered a halt to work over quality concerns for the portion of the slurry wall contractors put into a 2,000-foot portion of the levee. Rather than proceed, Corps officials decided to restore the levee for the year and start again in 2012. The next phases of the ring levee project are being designed, and with funding in place, should roll out through 2015. Source: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/marysville-116358-work-levee.html>

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